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Of The Officers Of The
Town of Benton, N. H.
For The Year Ending
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BENTON TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR

Ire E. Elliott

TOWN CLERK

Floyd J. Hutchins

SELECTMEN

Chas. H. Tyler, Stephen H. Dexter, Ira E. Elliott

HIGHWAY AGENTS

Napoleon Boutin

Ernest T. Page

TREASURER

TAX COLLECTOR

Margaret E. Elliott (R)

L. W. Noxon

Catherine C. Eastman (A)

SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST

Charles C. Tyler (R)

John G. Elliott

Alfred V. Mardin (R)

Edgar Morse (A)

Roland G. McKean (A)

Napoleon Burke (elect)

Carl Eastman (elect)

SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND LUMBER

Floyd J. Hutchins

George N. Belyea

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Laura M Noxon, Catherine Eastman, Mildred A Elliott

FENCE VIEWERS

Arthur Boutin

Clair Wheeler

CONSTABLE

Roland G. McKean (A)

Lester Gilchrist (R)

SCHOOL BOARD

Ira E. Elliott, Catherine Eastman, Alexzina Boutin

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUND

John G. Elliott, Napoleon Burke, Floyd J. Hutchins

SEXTONS:

John G. Elliott, John Coates

AUDITOR:

Ethel Boutin

TOWN WARRANT

State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Benton qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Benton on the second Tuesday of March next, the ninth, at ten o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects—

Article 1. To choose a Town Clerk, one Selectman for three years, one Selectman for two years, one or more Highway Agents not to exceed three, one Tax Collector, one Town Treasurer, one Auditor, one Trustee of Trust Funds for three years, one Library Trustee for three years, and all other necessary Town Officers and Agents for the ensuing year.

Article 2. To hear the Reports of Officers and Agents heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

Article 3. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Officers' salaries, and expenses, and for the repair and maintenance and construction of highways and bridges; for the observance of Memorial Day, and for all other Town charges and expenses for the ensuing year.

Article 4. To see what action the Town will take to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Article 5. To see what action the Town will take in regard to keeping Town Highways open for motor vehicle traffic for the winter season, including snow removal and sanding and make the necessary appropriation of the same.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to dispense with delivery of inventory blanks until April 1st.

Article 7. To see what action the Town will take to raise a reasonable sum of money for the repair of the Benton Union Church. Sum to be fixed at said meeting.

Article 8. To see what action the Town will take in regards to securing State Aid for highways and to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary for that purpose.

Article 9. To transact any other business that may be legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 3rd day of February, A. D., 1937.

C. H. TYLER,
S. H. DEXTER,
IRA E. ELLIOTT,

Selectmen of Benton

A TRUE COPY ATTEST

C. H. Tyler,
Stephen H. Dexter,
Ira E. Elliott,
Selectmen of Benton.

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BENTON, N. H.

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the
ensuing year, February 1, 1937, to February 1, 1938,
compared with

Actual Revenue and Expenditures of the Previous
year, February 1, 1936, to February 1, 1937.

| Sources of Revenue | actual | est'm'd |
|--|------------|------------|
| FROM STATE: | 1936 | 1937 |
| Interest and Dividend Tax | \$ 12.09 | \$ 12.00 |
| Railroad Tax | 22.81 | 22.80 |
| Savingc Bank Tax | 22.92 | 23.00 |
| Bounties | 85.80 | 90.00 |
| FROM LOCAL SOURCES EXCEPT TAXES: | | |
| Interest Received on Taxes | \$ 71.06 | \$ 71.00 |
| Auto Permits | 240.43 | 241.00 |
| FROM LOCAL TAXES OTHER THAN PROPERTY TAXES: | | |
| Poll Taxes | \$102.00 | \$102.00 |
| Dog Fees | 67.50 | 60.00 |
| Income, Trust Funds | 121.49 | 120.00 |
| Refund, over-payment | 2.78 | |
| National Forest Reserve | 326.51 | 300.00 |
| State Tax | 541.85 | 500.00 |
| Frome Reinbursement Town Poor | 42.55 | 50.00 |
| From County Poor | 114.45 | |
| Tax Sale Redeemed | 500.00 | 50.00 |
| | | \$1,641.80 |
| TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES EXCEPT PROPERTY TAXES | \$1899.77 | |
| Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes: | \$3,083.20 | |
| TOTAL REVENUES | | \$4,725.00 |

Purposes of Expenditures**Current Maintenance Expenses:**

| | actual 1936 | est'm'd 1937 |
|--|----------------|-----------------|
| GENERAL GOVERNMENT: | | |
| Town Officers' Salaries | \$244.50 | \$300.00 |
| Town Officers' Expenses | 237.82 | 200.00 |
| Election & Registration Expenses | 112.00 | 50.00 |
| Care and Supplies for Town Hall | 35.00 | 35.00 |
| PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY: | | |
| Police Department | \$ 9.50 | \$10.00 |
| Bounties | 85.80 | 90.00 |
| HEALTH: | | |
| Health Department | \$5.00 | \$5.00 |
| Vital Statistics | 2.75 | 3.00 |
| HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES: | | |
| Town Maintenance | \$660.05 | \$700.00 |
| Snow Removal | 440.55 | 700.00 |
| LIBRARIES: | | |
| Libraries | \$12.00 | \$12.00 |
| TOWN POOR: | | |
| Town Poor | \$154.10 | \$300.00 |
| County Poor | 60.00 | |
| PATRIOTIC PURPOSES: | | |
| Memorial Day | \$16.91 | \$20.00 |
| PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES: | | |
| Cemeteries | \$75.89 | \$50.00 |
| Outlay for New Construction and Permanent Improvements: | | |
| HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES: | | |
| State Aid Construction | | |
| Town's Share | \$267.89 | |

Payments to Other Governmental Divisions

| | actual | est'm'd |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| | 1936 | 1937 |
| State Taxes | \$432.00 | \$450.00 |
| County Taxes | 585.29 | 600.00 |
| Payments to School Districts | 1550.00 | 1200.00 |
| TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES | | \$4,725.00 |

INVENTORY OF THE TOWN, APRIL 1, 1936

| | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Lands and Buildings | \$115,070.00 |
| Electric Plants including pole line | 28,750.00 |
| Horses (29) | 3,525.00 |
| Cows (134) | 9,045.00 |
| Neat Stock (43) | 1,620.00 |
| Wood and Lumber (Logs and Pulp) | 550.00 |
| Gasoline (Pumps and Tanks) | 175.00 |
| Stock in Trade | 445.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$159,180.00 |

Polls, (89) @ \$2.00 \$178.00

Amount of taxes committed to Collector including
 Poll and Property \$3,457.19
 Tax Rate \$2.06

APPROPRIATIONS FOR YEAR 1936

| | |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| Town Officers' Salaries | \$ 300.00 |
| Town Officers' Expenses | 150.00 |
| Election and Registration | 100.00 |
| Town Hall | 35.00 |
| Police Department | 10.00 |
| Health Department | 5.00 |
| Vital Statistics | 3.00 |
| State Aid Construction | 252.00 |
| Town Road Maintenance | 700.00 |
| March Meeting, Dinner | 10.00 |
| Snow Removal | 700.00 |
| Libraries | 12.00 |
| Town Poor | 100.00 |
| Memorial Day | 11.00 |
| Cemeteries | 50.00 |
| State Tax | 432.00 |
| County Tax | 585.29 |
| School Tax | 1,150.00 |

**TOTAL TOWN and SCHOOL
APPROPRIATIONS**
\$4,605.29
Less Estimated Revenue and Credits

| | |
|--|-------------------|
| Interest and Dividend Tax | \$ 10.00 |
| Insurance Tax | 35.00 |
| Savings Bank Tax | 50.00 |
| Motor Vehicle Permit Fees | 100.00 |
| Forest Reserve and Abatement of State Tax | 800.00 |
| Trust Funds | 150.00 |
| Net Amount to be raised by Taxation | \$3,460.29 |
| Less Poll Taxes | 178.00 |

Property Taxes
\$3,282.29

| | | BALANCE |
|--|------------|-------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Cash: | | |
| In hands of treasurer | | \$1,459.66 |
| Accounts Due to the Town: | | |
| Due from State— | | |
| Account bounties paid | | \$85.80 |
| Due from Reinbursement, Town Poor | | 5.00 |
| Taxes bought by Town: | | |
| (Not including property actually deeded to Town) Tax Sales | | \$167.03 |
| Uncollected Taxes: | | |
| Levy of 1936 | \$1,455.42 | |
| Levy of 1935 | 37.32 | |
| Levy of 1934 | 7.04 | |
| Levy of 1933 | 14.09 | |
| Previous years (1932) | 26.70 | |
| Total Assets | | \$3,258.06 |
| Grand Total | | \$3,258.06 |
| Surplus, January 31, 1936 | | \$1,562.76 |
| Surplus, January 31, 1937 | | 1,810.00 |
| Increase of Surplus | | \$247.24 |

The Selectmen wish the voters to know the error in last year's report was corrected.

SHEET**January 31, 1937**

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by Town:

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Note at Woodsville Bank | \$500.00 |
| Due to Trustees, Benton Trust Funds | |
| Due to School District: | |
| Dog Licenses (1936) | \$ 79.00 |
| Balance Appropriation (1936) | 676.21 |
| Forest Reserve (1936) | 676.21 |
| Trust Funds (1936) | 29.85 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total Due School District | \$948.06 |
| Total Liabilities | \$1,448.06 |
| Excess of assets over liabilities | 1,810.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Grand Total | \$3,258.06 |

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

| | |
|--|-------------------|
| Town Hall, Lands and Buildings | \$2,000.00 |
| Furniture and Equipment | 200.00 |
| Town Clerk's Building | 200.00 |
| Furniture and Equipment | 50.00 |
| Highway Equipment including Road | |
| Machines and Snow Plow | 400.00 |
| School House, Land, Buildings, Equipment | 1,800.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$4,650.00 |

TREASURER'S REPORT

For Year Ending January 31, 1936

| | |
|---|-----------|
| Cash on hand February 1, 1936 | \$ 822.65 |
| From | |
| Floyd Hutchins, Collector 1933 taxes | \$ 23.79 |
| Floyd Hutchins, 1933 Interest | 6.73 |
| Floyd Hutchins, 1935 dog tax | 2.00 |
| Floyd Hutchins, 1936 dog tax | 65.50 |
| Floyd Hutchins, 1936 motor tax | 181.45 |
| Floyd Hutchins, 1937 motor tax | 58.98 |
| Floyd Hutchins, 1933 tax and interest on Pike estate | 137.13 |
| Refund from Town Meeting dinner | 2.78 |
| Lester Noxon, 1934 tax and interest on Pike estate | 96.52 |
| Lester Noxon, 1935 tax and interest on Pike estate | 85.02 |
| Lester Noxon, 1934 taxes | 24.64 |
| Lester Noxon, Interest @ 10%—1934 | 2.16 |
| Lester Noxon, Interest @ 12%—1934 | 2.98 |
| Lester Noxon, 1934 Sales and Cost | 8.20 |
| Lester Noxon, 1935 Polls | 26.00 |
| Lester Noxon, 1935 Taxes | 963.20 |
| Lester Noxon, 1935 Interest | 38.26 |
| Lester Noxon, 1935 Sale and Cost | 12.40 |
| Lester Noxon, 1936 Polls | 102.00 |
| Lester Noxon, 1936 Taxes | 1899.77 |
| Lester Noxon, 1936 Interest | 1.31 |
| Selectmen, Bounty from State | 90.40 |
| Selectmen, Town Poor | 114.45 |
| N. H. State Reimbursement | 42.55 |
| Town Road Flood from State | 80.12 |
| Railroad Tax | 22.81 |

| | |
|--------------------------------------|------------|
| Savings Bank Tax | 22.92 |
| Interest and Dividends | 12.09 |
| Forest Reserve | 326.51 |
| Abatement of State Tax | 541.85 |
| From | |
| Selectmen. Note on Woodsville Bank | 500.00 |
| Trust Funds | 121.49 |
| Back tax on Pike estate | 181.33 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$6,619.99 |
| Total Payments to Selectmen's Orders | 5,160.33 |
| | <hr/> |
| Grand Total | \$1,459.66 |
| John Cox Note | 121.40 |
| | <hr/> |
| Cash | \$1,338.26 |

CATHERINE C. EASTMAN, Treasurer.

RECEIPTS AND

Current Revenue:**From Local Taxes:**

Property Taxes committed to Coll'ct'r 1936 \$3,279.19

Less uncollected 1936 1,379.42

\$1,899.77

Poll Taxes for 1936 actually collected 102.00

Total of current year's collections \$2,001.77

Property and Poll Taxes previous
years actually collected \$1,109.67

Tax Sales redeemed 500.00

From State:

N. H. State Reimbursement \$ 42.55

Town Road, Flood 80.12

Railroad 22.81

Savings Bank Tax 22.92

Interest and Dividends 12.09

Forest Reserve 326.51

Abatement State Tax 541.85

Bounties, from State 90.40

Total Current Revenue Receipts

(Carried forward to page 16)

\$4,750.69

PAYMENTS **Year Ending January 31, 1937**

Current Maintenance Expenses:**General Government:****Detail**

| | |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| 1 Town Officers' Salaries | \$244.50 |
| 2 Town Officers' Expenses | 237.82 |
| 3 Election and Registration | 112.00 |
| 4 Town Hall | 35.00 |

Protection of Persons and Property:

| | |
|--------------------------|---------|
| 5 Police Department | |
| including care of Tramps | \$ 9.50 |
| 6 Bounties | 85.80 |

Health Department:

| | |
|---------------------|--------|
| 7 Health Department | \$5.00 |
| 8 Vital Statistics | 2.75 |

Highways and Bridges:

| | |
|---------------------|----------|
| 9 Snow Removal | \$440.55 |
| 10 Town Maintenance | 660.05 |

Libraries:

| | |
|------------|---------|
| 11 Library | \$12.00 |
|------------|---------|

Charities:

| | |
|----------------|----------|
| 12 Town Poor | \$154.10 |
| 13 County Poor | 60.00 |

Patriotic Purposes:

| | |
|---------------------------|---------|
| 14 Memorial Day exercises | \$16.91 |
|---------------------------|---------|

Public Service Enterprises:

| | |
|---------------|---------|
| 15 Cemeteries | \$75.89 |
|---------------|---------|

Unclassified:

| | |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| 16 Taxes bought by Town | \$167.03 |
| 17 Discounts and Abatements | |

Total Current Expenses

(Carried forward to page 17)

\$2,318.90

RECEIPTS AND

| | |
|--|------------------|
| Total Receipts (brought forward from page 14) | \$4,750.69 |
| From County: | |
| County Poor | \$114.45 |
| From Local Sources Except Taxes: | |
| Dog Licenses | \$ 67.50 |
| Income from Trust Funds | 121.49 |
| Motor Vehicle Permits (1936) | 181.45 |
| Motor Vehicle Permits (1937) | 58.98 |
| Refund from Town Meeting dinner | 2.78 |
| From Note on Woodsville Bank | 500.00 |
| Total Receipts from all sources | <hr/> \$5,797.34 |
| Cash on hand February 1, 1936 | 822.65 |
| Grand Total | <hr/> \$6,619.99 |

PAYMENTS **Year Ending January 31, 1937**

| | |
|--|-------------------|
| Total Payments (brought forward from page 15) | \$2,318.90 |
| 18 Payments on Note | \$6.25 |
| Outlay For New Construction and Permanent Improvements: | |
| Highways and Bridges— | |
| 19 State Aid Construction | \$267.89 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total Outlay Payments | \$267.89 |
| Payments to Governmental Divisions: | |
| 20 Taxes paid to County | \$ 585.29 |
| 21 State Tax | 432.00 |
| 22 School District | 1550.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total Payments to Governmental Divisions | \$5,160.33 |
| Cash on hand January 31, 1937 | 1,459.66 |
| | <hr/> |
| Grand Total | \$6,619.99 |

DETAIL STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

General Government:**Detail No. 1, Town Officers' Salaries**

| | |
|------------------------------------|---------|
| Charles H. Tyler, Selectman | \$38.00 |
| Stephen H. Dexter, Selectman | 32.00 |
| Ira E. Elliott, Selectman | 17.20 |
| Floyd J. Hutchins, Town Clerk | 35.00 |
| Floyd J. Hutchins, Dog Fees | 6.60 |
| Floyd J. Hutchins, Auto Fees | 15.50 |
| Lester Noxon, Collector | 50.00 |
| Lester Noxon, 2 days, Tax meetings | 6.40 |
| Margaret Elliott, Treasurer (R) | 21.00 |
| Catherine Eastman, Treasurer (A) | 18.00 |
| Ethel Boutin, Auditor | 4.80 |

Total \$244.50

Detail No. 2, Town Officers' Expenses

| | |
|--|----------|
| Town Meeting Dinner | \$ 11.74 |
| Woodsville Publishing Co., Town Reports | 52.80 |
| F. P. Dearth, Officers' bonds | 10.00 |
| A. W. Rowell, Assessors dues | 2.00 |
| W. J. Randolph, Transfer deeds | 2.36 |
| Edson Eastman, Town supplies | 14.77 |
| The Howe Press, Tax Bills | 1.45 |
| Alfred Mardin, carrying Selectmen taking inventory | 12.00 |
| Lester Noxon, use of care to Tax meetings | 7.60 |
| Lester Noxon, Stamps, Stationery, etc. | 14.79 |
| Charles H. Tyler, Stamps, Stationery, Phone and two dinners | 6.24 |
| S. H. Dexter, use of car to Lebanon and Woodsville | 10.50 |
| S. H. Dexter, Stationery to draw up Town Report | .20 |
| S. H. Dexter, two dinners | 1.00 |

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|--|-------|
| Ira E. Elliott, car and self to Lebanon on flood business | 10.40 |
| Ira Elliott, two dinners | 1.30 |
| Floyd Hutchins, Auto Reference Book | 2.00 |
| Floyd Hutchins, 2 trips to Lisbon trustee business, 2 dinners included | 6.50 |
| Lisbon Savings Bank, rental of Trustee box | 4.95 |
| Margaret Elliott, Postage and Stationery | 3.22 |
| Catherine Eastman, Postage and Stationery | 2.00 |
| Charles E. Dixon, for collecting Mrs. Pike's back taxes, drawing stipulations, by advice of State Tax Commission | 60.00 |

Total \$237.82

Detail No. 3, Election and Registration

| | |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Charles C. Tyler, (R) Supervisor | \$16.00 |
| Alfred V. Mardin, Supervisor (R) | 16.00 |
| John Elliott, Supervisor | 22.40 |
| Roland McKean, Supervisor (A) | 6.40 |
| Edgar Morse, Supervisor (A) | 6.40 |
| Ira Elliott, Moderator | 6.40 |
| Napoleon Burke, Ballot Clerk | 9.60 |
| Carl Eastman, Ballot Clerk | 9.60 |
| Lester Noxon, Ballot Clerk | 9.60 |
| Clair Wheeler, Ballot Clerk | 9.60 |

Total \$112.00

Detail No. 4, Town Hall

| | |
|--|---------|
| Margaret Elliott, cleaning hall | \$ 5.00 |
| F. P. Dearth, Insurance | 25.00 |
| Roland McKean, oil for hall, 1 gallon | .15 |
| S. H. Dexter, two Mantles @ 35c | .70 |
| S. H. Dexter, oil for hall, 1 gal. | .15 |
| Edgar Morse, 1½ cord wood, Town Clerk's office | 4.00 |

Total \$35.00

Detail No. 5, Protection Persons and Property

| | |
|--|--------|
| Roland McKean, Constable | \$5.00 |
| Grace Tyler, feeding, lodging 1 tramp Aug. 14th | 1.50 |
| Grace Tyler, feeding, lodging 2 tramps Nov. 13th | 3.00 |

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|-------|--------|
| Total | \$9.50 |
|-------|--------|

Detail No. 6, Bounties

| | |
|-------------------|---------|
| Bounties paid out | \$85.80 |
|-------------------|---------|

Detail No. 7, Health Department

| | |
|------------------------------|--------|
| Carl Eastman, Health Officer | \$5.00 |
|------------------------------|--------|

Detail No. 8, Vital Statistics

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|--------------------------------------|--------|
| Dr. S. A. Blodgett, 6 births | \$1.50 |
| Dr. Robert Deming, 2 deaths | .50 |
| Dr. H. E. Siske, 2 deaths | .50 |
| Floyd Hutchins (Justice), 1 marriage | .25 |

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|-------|--------|
| Total | \$2.75 |
|-------|--------|

Detail No. 9, Snow Removal and Sanding

Napoleon Boutin, Agent

| | Hours | Amount |
|------------------------------------|-------|----------|
| N. Boutin, plowing | 64 | \$128.00 |
| N. Boutin, sanding, truck and self | 79 | 94.80 |
| N. Boutin, labor | 28 | 11.20 |
| Joe Boutin | 27½ | 11.00 |
| R. Tewksbury | 18 | 7.20 |
| F. Hutchins | 40 | 16.00 |
| H. Tyler | 6½ | 2.60 |
| L. Noxon | 2 | .80 |
| C. Wheeler | 6 | 2.40 |
| Lee McKean | 6 | 2.40 |
| C. C. Tyler | 5 | 2.00 |
| Kenneth DeRusha | 16 | 6.40 |
| A. Boutin | 20½ | 8.20 |
| R. McKean | 6½ | 2.60 |
| W. Smith | 2 | .80 |

| | | |
|----------------------------------|-----|-----------------|
| John Elliott | 13½ | 5.40 |
| Will Carr, 52 yds. sand | | 7.80 |
| Howard Libby, chain hooks | | 1.05 |
| Woodsville Grain Co., 1 bag salt | | 1.00 |
| Total | | <u>\$311.65</u> |

Snow Removal**E. T. Page, Agent**

| | Hours | Amount |
|----------------------------|-------|-----------------|
| E. T. Page, team | 13 | \$ 7.80 |
| E. T. Page | 23 | 9.20 |
| A. Fillian | 137 | 54.80 |
| A. Fillian, team | 13 | 10.40 |
| Joe Prue | 63 | 25.20 |
| Joe Prue, team | 25 | 20.00 |
| E. T. Page, sand, 10 loads | | 1.00 |
| A. Fillian, sand, 5 loads | | .50 |
| Total | | <u>\$128.90</u> |

SUMMARY

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|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| N. Boutin, Snow Removal and Sanding | \$311.65 |
| E. T. Page, Snow Removal | 128.90 |
| Total | <u>\$440.55</u> |

Detail No. 10, Town Road Maintenance**E. T. Page, Agent**

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Tiling for Joe Prue Bridge | |
| 4 lengths \$9.00 each | \$36.00 |
| W. H. Millette, for hauling tile | |
| on way back from Concord | 5.00 |
| E. T. Page, 87½ hours | 35.00 |
| E. T. Page, self and team, 32 hours | 25.60 |
| E. T. Page, team | 1.00 |
| Gravel, 27 yards | 2.70 |
| Cement for bridge | 3.75 |
| Total | <u>\$109.05</u> |

Town Road Maintenance
Napoleon Boutin, Agent

Rate, .40 per hour

| | Hours | Amount |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-----------------|
| N. Boutin, labor | 79 | \$ 31.60 |
| N. Boutin, self and truck | 161 | 193.20 |
| Floyd Hutchins | 98½ | 39.40 |
| Arthur Boutin | 64 | 25.60 |
| John Elliott | 83½ | 33.40 |
| N. Burke | 89½ | 35.80 |
| Ira Elliott, self and truck | 47½ | 57.00 |
| Ira Elliott | 30½ | 12.20 |
| William Smith | 20 | 8.00 |
| Joe Wheeler | 7 | 2.80 |
| Lester Noxon | 78 | 31.20 |
| Carl Eastman | 43½ | 17.40 |
| Joseph Boutin, Sr. | 8 | 3.20 |
| Lester Gilchrist | 27 | 10.80 |
| Ben Elliott | 37 | 14.80 |
| Joseph Boutin, Sr., bridge material | | 9.40 |
| Clough Bros., gravel, 46 yards | | 4.60 |
| Tilden Day, gravel, 90 yards | | 9.00 |
| Morris Perry, road machine blade | | 9.10 |
| Ira Elliott, planks | | 2.50 |
| Total | | \$551.00 |

SUMMARY

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|------------------------|-----------------|
| Napoleon Boutin, Agent | \$551.00 |
| Ernest T. Page, Agent | 109.05 |
| Total | \$660.05 |

Detail No. 11, Libraries

| | |
|------------------------------|---------|
| Catherine Eastman, Librarian | \$12.00 |
|------------------------------|---------|

Detail No. 12, Town Poor

| | |
|-----------|----------|
| Town Poor | \$154.10 |
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Detail No. 13, County Poor

| | |
|-------------|---------|
| County Poor | \$60.00 |
|-------------|---------|

Detail No. 14, Patriotic Purposes

| | |
|-----------------------|---------|
| E. B. Mann Co., Flags | \$ 1.00 |
|-----------------------|---------|

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|--|-------|
| W. J. Yeaton, supplies for dinner and Rev. McIntire's service | 15.91 |
|--|-------|

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| Total | \$16.91 |
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Detail No. 15, Memorial Public Service Enterprises

| | |
|----------------------|---------|
| John Elliott, Sexton | \$70.59 |
|----------------------|---------|

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|---------------------|------|
| John Coates, Sexton | 5.30 |
|---------------------|------|

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|-------|---------|
| Total | \$75.89 |
|-------|---------|

Detail No. 16, Unclassified

| | |
|----------------------|----------|
| Taxes bought by Town | \$167.03 |
|----------------------|----------|

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|---------------------------|------|
| Detail No. 17, Abatements | None |
|---------------------------|------|

Detail No. 18, Payments on Note

| | |
|----------|--------|
| Interest | \$6.25 |
|----------|--------|

Detail No. 19, Outlay for New Construction

| | |
|------------------------|----------|
| State Aid Construction | \$267.89 |
|------------------------|----------|

Payments to Governmental Divisions**Detail No. 20, County Tax**

| | |
|--------------|----------|
| County Taxes | \$585.29 |
|--------------|----------|

Detail No. 21, State Tax

| | |
|-----------|--------|
| State Tax | 432.00 |
|-----------|--------|

Detail No. 22, School District

| | |
|---|-----------|
| Treasurer Benton School District, Schools | \$1550.00 |
|---|-----------|

| | |
|-------|------------|
| Total | \$2,567.29 |
|-------|------------|

TRUSTEES REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS

For the Period Ending January 31st, 1937

Received of the Ira Whitcher Fund, interest on
\$500.00 U. S. Treasury Loan for Cemeteries \$13.71
Bal., Jan. 31, 1936 23.50

\$37.21

For cemeteries \$18.90

Bal., Jan. 31, 1937 18.31

\$37.21

Received from Whitcher and Mann Fund, interest
on \$500.00 U. S. Treasury Loan for Cemeteries, Bal-
ance Schools and Highways \$13.74

For cemeteries \$8.54

For schools 2.60

For highways 2.60

\$13.74

Received from Whitcher and Mann Fund, interest
on \$1,000.00 U. S. Treasury Loan, care of lots, Bal-
ance to Schools and Highways \$27.35

For cemeteries \$ 4.89

For schools 11.23

For highways 11.23

\$27.35

Received from Whitcher and Mann Fund, interest
on \$1,500.00 and \$250.00 U. S. Treasury Loans

For Schools \$50.01

Received from Whitcher and Mann Fund interest
on \$1,500.00 and \$250.00 U. S. Treasury Loans

For highways \$50.00

Received from L. H. Parker Fund income from
Cemetery Field to be used for care of lots

Rent of field \$10.06

Received from Ella Mann Fund, interest on
\$50.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.

Interest 1935 \$1.37

Interest 1936 1.29

\$2.66

Care of lot \$1.60

Bal., Jan. 31, 1937 1.06

\$2.66

Received from George H. Clark Fund, interest on
\$200.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.

Interest, 1935 \$4.48

Interest, 1936 \$4.18

\$8.66

Bal., Jan. 31, 1935 12.49

\$21.15

Care of lot \$ 4.60

Bal., Jan. 31, 1937 16.55

\$21.15

Received from William T. Torsey Fund, interest
on \$50.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.

Interest, 1935 \$ 1.13

Interest, 1936 1.06

\$2.19

Care of lot \$1.20

Bal., Jan. 31, 1937 .99

\$2.19

Received from J. C. Speed Fund, interest on
\$134.71 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.

| | |
|---------------------|---------|
| Interest, 1935 | \$ 3.13 |
| Interest, 1936 | 2.92 |
| Bal., Jan. 31, 1935 | 10.29 |

\$16.34

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|---------------------|---------|
| Care of lot | \$ 3.20 |
| Bal., Jan. 31, 1937 | 13.14 |

\$16.34

Received from Samuel C. Annis Fund, interest on
\$50.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.

| | |
|----------------|--------|
| Interest, 1935 | \$1.13 |
| Interest, 1936 | 1.06 |

\$2.19

| | |
|---------------------|--------|
| Care of lot | \$1.20 |
| Bal., Jan. 31, 1937 | .99 |

\$2.19

Received from Jonathan Davis Fund, interest on
\$50.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.

| | |
|----------------|---------|
| Interest, 1935 | \$ 1.13 |
| Interest, 1936 | 1.06 |

\$2.19

| | |
|---------------------|--------|
| Care of lot | \$1.20 |
| Bal., Jan. 31, 1937 | .99 |

\$2.19

| | | |
|---|---------------------|--------|
| Received from Sam Whitcher and Wm. Kendall | | |
| Fund interest on \$200.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co. | Interest, 1935 | \$4.48 |
| Care of lot \$ 4.80 | Interest, 1936 | 4.18 |
| Bal., Jan. 31, 1937 25.55 | Bal., Jan. 31, 1937 | 21.69 |

\$30.35

\$30.35

| | | |
|--|----------------|--------|
| Received from Kendrick L. Howe Fund, interest on \$50.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co. | | |
| | Interest, 1935 | \$1.24 |
| | Interest, 1936 | 1.28 |

\$2.52

Care of lot \$1.60

Bal., Jan. 31, 1937 .92

\$2.52

Received from Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.

Refund check \$.90

| | |
|--|----------|
| Total amount received from Trust Funds for the year 1936 | \$200.89 |
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| | |
|--|-------|
| Received from Town of Benton, balance January 31, 1936 | 67.97 |
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|-------|----------|
| Total | \$268.86 |
|-------|----------|

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|---|----------|
| Total amount paid to cemeteries, schools and highways | \$189.46 |
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|---|---------|
| Balance deposited on check account, Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co. | \$79.40 |
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|-------|----------|
| Total | \$268.86 |
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JOHN G. ELLIOTT,
FLOYD J. HUTCHINS,
NAPOLEON BURKE,
Trustees of Trust Funds, Benton

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Treasurer and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

ETHEL A. BOUTIN.

February 4, 1937.

REPORT OF BENTON TOWN LIBRARY

For The Year 1936

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-------|
| Books in Library January 31, 1936 | 420 |
| Books added by gift | 50 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total Books January 31, 1937 | 470 |
| Books in circulation | 130 |

CATHERINE EASTMAN,
Librarian

FINANCIAL REPORT OF TRUSTEES

| | |
|--------------------------------|---------|
| Cash on hand January 31, 1936 | \$60.22 |
| Interest to October 10, 1936 | 6.33 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$66.55 |
| Postage on traveling libraries | \$3.50 |
| | <hr/> |
| Cash on hand January 31, 1937 | \$63.05 |

LAURA M. NOXON,
CATHERINE C. EASTMAN,
MILDRED A. ELLIOTT,
Library Trustees.

BENTON SCHOOL REPORT

DISTRICT OFFICERS

School Board

| | |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Ira E. Elliott, chairman | Term expires 1937 |
| Mrs. Catherine Eastman | Term expires 1938 |
| Mrs. Alexzina Boutin | Term expires 1939 |

Other District Officers

| | |
|-------------------|---------------------------|
| Mrs. Laura Noxon | Treasurer |
| Floyd Hutchins | Auditor |
| Mrs. Ethel Boutin | Clerk |
| Ira A. Elliott | Moderator |
| F. Lester Trafton | Superintendent of Schools |

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from the official records and is complete and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

F. LESTER TRAFTON, Sup't.

IRA E. ELLIOTT,
MRS. CATHERINE EASTMAN,
MRS. ALEXZINA BOUTIN,

February 1, 1937

School Board

 RECEIPTS 1935-1936

State and Federal Aid:

| | |
|--|-----------|
| Equalization fund for elementary school (from state) | \$ 448.22 |
| National forest reserve (school's half from Selectmen) 1934 | 145.98 |

| | |
|-------|----------|
| Total | \$594.20 |
|-------|----------|

Income from Local Taxation:

(raised by Selectmen)

| | |
|--|------------|
| For the support of Elementary Schools | \$1,010.95 |
| Appropriation 1934-35 | 24.19 |

| | |
|-------|------------|
| Total | \$1,035.14 |
|-------|------------|

From Sources Other Than Taxation:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|----------|
| Dog licenses (from Selectmen) 1934 | \$ 71.00 |
| Elementary school tuitions | 108.00 |
| Income from local trust funds 1934 | 97.88 |
| Other receipts | 6.23 |

| | |
|-------|----------|
| Total | \$283.11 |
|-------|----------|

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|---------------------------------|------------|
| Total Receipts from all sources | \$1,912.45 |
|---------------------------------|------------|

| | |
|--|-------|
| Cash on Hand at Beginning of Year, July 1, 1935 | 16.40 |
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|-------------|------------|
| GRAND TOTAL | \$1,928.85 |
|-------------|------------|

PAYMENTS 1935-36

Administration

| | |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Salaries of district officers | \$ 37.00 |
| Superintendent's excess salary | 35.56 |
| Truant officers and census | 5.00 |
| Expenses of administration | 8.00 |

Instruction

| | |
|-------------------------------|--------|
| Teacher's salary | 800.28 |
| Textbooks | 50.30 |
| Scholars' supplies | 38.98 |
| Flags and appurtenances | |
| Other expenses of instruction | 6.54 |

Operation and Maintenance

| | |
|----------------------------------|-------|
| Janitor service | 36.00 |
| Fuel | 30.00 |
| Water, light, janitor's supplies | 3.95 |
| Minor repairs and expenses | 27.41 |

Auxiliary Agencies and Special Activities

| | |
|---|--------|
| Medical inspection and health supervision | 56.79 |
| Transportation of pupils | 360.00 |
| High school and academy tuition | 146.88 |
| Elementary school tuition | 108.00 |
| Other special activities | 6.10 |

Fixed Charges

| | |
|--------------------------------|-------|
| Tax for state wide supervision | 96.00 |
|--------------------------------|-------|

Outlay for Construction and Equipment

| | |
|---------------|------|
| New equipment | 6.14 |
|---------------|------|

Debt, Interest and Other Charges

| | |
|--|-------|
| Payments of notes or bills from previous year | 56.01 |
|--|-------|

| | |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| Total Payment for all purposes | \$1,914.94 |
|--------------------------------|------------|

| | |
|---|-------|
| Total cash on hand at end of year, June 30, 1935 | 13.91 |
|---|-------|

| | |
|-------------|------------------|
| Grand Total | <hr/> \$1,928.85 |
|-------------|------------------|

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

June 30, 1936

Cash on hand:

| | |
|-----------------------|----------|
| Balance June 30, 1936 | \$ 13.91 |
|-----------------------|----------|

Accounts Due to District:

| | |
|-------------------------------|--------|
| Balance 1935-36 appropriation | 189.05 |
| Dog tax 1935 | 72.00 |
| Federal forest reserve | 182.60 |
| Interest from trust funds | 86.56 |

| | |
|--------------|----------|
| Total Assets | \$544.12 |
|--------------|----------|

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|-------------|----------|
| GRAND TOTAL | \$544.12 |
|-------------|----------|

LIABILITIES

June 30, 1936

| | |
|------|----------|
| None | \$000.00 |
|------|----------|

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|-------------------|----------|
| Total liabilities | \$000.00 |
|-------------------|----------|

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|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Excess of assets over liabilities | \$544.12 |
|-----------------------------------|----------|

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|-------------|----------|
| GRAND TOTAL | \$544.12 |
|-------------|----------|

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books and other financial records of the school board of Benton, N. H., of which this is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1936, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

FLOYD J. HUTCHINS,

July 15, 1936

Auditor.

ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1936
School District of Benton

SUMMARY:

| | |
|--|------------|
| Cash on hand, June 30, 1935 | \$ 16.40 |
| Received from State Treasurer (State and Federal Aid) | 448.22 |
| Received from Selectmen: | |
| Appropriation for current year | 1,010.95 |
| Balance of previous appropriation | 24.19 |
| Dog licenses, 1934 | 71.00 |
| National Forest Reserve, 1934 | 145.98 |
| Income from trust funds, 1934 | 97.88 |
| Received from elementary school tuitions | 108.00 |
| Received from all other sources | 6.23 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$1,928.85 |

| | |
|--|------------|
| Total amount available for fiscal year | |
| (Balance and receipts) | \$1,928.85 |
| Less school board orders paid | 1,914.94 |
| | <hr/> |
| Balance on hand as of June 30, 1936 | |
| (Treasurer's bank balance) | \$13.91 |

LAURA M. NOXON,

June 30, 1936

District Treasurer

SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR 1937-38

School Board's statement of amounts required to support public schools and meet other statutory obligations of the district for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1937.

Detailed Statement of Expenditures

Support of Schools:

| | |
|--|------------|
| Teachers' salaries | \$900.00 |
| Textbooks | 35.00 |
| Scholars' supplies | 40.00 |
| Flags and appurtenances | 5.00 |
| Other expenses of instruction | 5.00 |
| Janitor service | 36.00 |
| Fuel | 35.00 |
| Water, light, janitors' supplies | 10.00 |
| Minor repairs and expenses | 25.00 |
| Health supervisions and medical inspection | 50.00 |
| Transportation of pupils | 360.00 |
| Payment of elementary tuitions | 180.00 |
| Other special activities | 5.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$1,686.00 |

Other Statutory Requirements:

| | |
|--|----------|
| Salaries of district officers | |
| (Fixed by district) | \$ 30.00 |
| Truant officer and school census | |
| (Fixed by district) | 5.00 |
| Payment of tuitions in high schools and academies (estimated by board) | 450.00 |
| Superintendent's excess salary | |
| (Fixed by Supervisory Union) | 36.37 |

| | |
|--|------------|
| Per capita tax (Reported by State Treasurer) | 68.00 |
| Other obligations | 20.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$609.00 |
| Total amount required to meet School Board's Budget | \$2,295.37 |
| <hr/> | |
| Estimated Income of District | |
| Balance, June 30, 1937 (Estimate) | \$100.00 |
| State Aid (December 1937 allotment) (estimate) | 400.00 |
| Dog taxes (Estimate) | 50.00 |
| Income from Trust Funds (Estimate) | 85.00 |
| Elementary School Tuition receipts (Estimate) | 72.00 |
| Federal Forest Reserve | 75.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Deduct total estimate income (not raised by taxation) | \$782.00 |
| Assessment required to balance | \$1,513.37 |

We recommend that the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 for the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,

IRA E. ELLIOTT,

CATHERINE EASTMAN,

ALEXZINA BOUTIN,

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Board and Citizens of Benton:

I herewith present my third annual report as Superintendent of Schools.

The total enrollment for 1935-36 was 32, the average membership 31.17, the percent of attendance 93.47, and the number of cases of tardiness 21. The percent of attendance was much better than that of the previous year. There were three non-resident or tuition pupils. The District paid tuition for two high school pupils at Woodsville High School and two elementary pupils at Glencliff.

This year your enrollment is 25. There are two non-resident pupils. There are three pupils attending high school and six pupils attending the elementary school at Glencliff.

The School Board has purchased a much needed water container for the school, which keeps the water both clean and cool. New language books have been bought for grades, four to eight, and new geographies for grades seven and eight. New readers have been purchased for the lower grades. Your school is now very well equipped with modern textbooks.

The floor of the school building is very unsatisfactory. It is made of soft wood and contains so many splinters and cracks that it is very difficult to keep it clean. It should be replaced with a hardwood floor.

The school yard is small and rough. If it is possible for the Town to get any federal funds, the school grounds should be enlarged and improved.

Miss Reidy is doing an excellent piece of work as your teacher.

Respectfully submitted,
F. LESTER TRAFTON.

VITAL STATISTICS

**Births Registered in the Town of Benton, N. H.,
For the year ending January 31, 1937.**

Larry Edward Elliott, born at Benton, N. H., July 27, 1936, first child, male, living, white; name of father, Benjamin L. Elliott, occupation, laborer, birthplace, Benton, N. H. Maiden name of mother, Helen G. Lombard, birthplace, Hardwick, Vt. Residence of parents, Benton, N. H.

Richard Arthur Gilcris, born at Benton, N. H., July 24, 1936, second child, male, living, white; name of father, Lester E. Gilcris, occupation, laborer, birthplace, Hardwick, Vt. Maiden name of mother, Ruth Barrows, birthplace, Barre, Vt. Residence of parents, Benton, N. H.

Anabelle May Smith, born at Benton, N. H., May 25th, 1936, 5th child, female, living, white; name of father, William C. Smith, occupation, laborer, birthplace, Sheldon, Vt. Maiden name of mother, Mildred B. Perkins, birthplace, Haverhill, N. H. Residence of parents, Benton, N. H.

Isabelle Fay Smith, born at Benton, N. H., May 25th, 1936, sixth child, female, living, white; name of father, William C. Smith, occupation, laborer, birthplace, Sheldon, Vt. Maiden name of mother, Mildred B. Perkins, birthplace, Haverhill, N. H. Residence of parents, Benton, N. H.

Kenneth Elliott DeRusha, born at Benton, N. H., May 2, 1936, first child, male, living, white; name of father, Kenneth R. DeRusha, occupation, laborer, birthplace, Haverhill, N. H. Maiden name of mother, Marjorie E. Elliott, birthplace, Lakeport, N. H. Residence of parents, Benton, N. H.

Daniel Richard Aremburg, born at Benton, N. H., April 9th, 1936, tenth child, male, living, white; name of father, Leroy H. Aremburg, occupation, laborer, birthplace, Berlin, N. H. Maiden name of mother, Evelyn P. Wilson, birthplace, Shelburne, N. H. Residence of parents, Benton, N. H.

**Deaths Registered in the Town of Benton, N. H.,
For the year ending January 31, 1937.**

David Grigas, died March 25th, 1936; age ? born in Russia, white, single; father's name, Joe Grigas, maiden name of mother, ? Cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis.

Frank Willard, died August 16th, 1936; age 31 years, 2 mo., 2 days, born at Alton, N. H., white, widowed, father's name, Smith Willard, maiden name of mother, Sadie Lamper; cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis.

Veto Yanuskevitch, died September 7th, 1936; age 16 years, 6 mo., 26 days, born at Nashua, N. H., white, single, father's name, Joseph Yanuskevitch, maiden name of mother, Julia Parapkaras, cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis.

Mary Chimiklis, died November 22nd, 1936; age 22 years, 3 mo., 7 days, born at Dover, N. H.; white, single, father's name, Peter Chimiklis, maiden name of mother, Florence Haritos, cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis.

**Marriages Registered in the Town of Benton, N. H.,
For the year ending January 31, 1937.**

Elden J. Brooks and Angela Y. Moquin, married at Benton, N. H., January 3rd, 1937, by Floyd J. Hutchins, Justice of Peace; residence of groom, Benton, N. H., age 26, single, occupation, government scaler, born at Bathurst, N. B., father's name, Herbert O. Brooks, mother's maiden name, Lena Ward. Residence of bride, Haverhill, Mass.; age 22, single, occupation, boxmaker, father's name, Armand J. Moquin, mother's maiden name, Hermina Poulin.

I hereby certify that the foregoing returns are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

FLOYD J. HUTCHINS, Town Clerk.

